



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH HEARING OFFICER AGENDA

100 Civic Center Drive, CDM Conference Room (Bay E-1st Floor)

Thursday, July 9, 2026 - 8:30 AM

Hearing Officer Members:

Jeff Love, Hearing Officer

The Hearing Officer meeting is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Hearing Officer's agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular hearing and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Hearing Officer and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

It is the intention of the City of Newport Beach to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this hearing, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City of Newport Beach will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact the Community Development Department at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible at 949-644-3200.

If in the future, you wish to challenge in court any of the matters on this agenda for which a public hearing is to be conducted, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you (or someone else) raised orally at the public hearing or in written correspondence received by the City at or before the hearing.

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I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Public comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Hearing Officer. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Hearing Officer has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda or non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

III. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**1. Three-Year Construction Limit Extension (X2021-0464, XR2025-0829)
Site Location: 501 Orchid Avenue*****Project Summary***

Request for an extension of a three-year construction limit for **Building Permit No. X2021-0464** and related permits outlined in Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Section 15.02.095 (Administrative Code - Addition of Sections 105.3.3, 105.3.4, and 105.3.5). The scope of work for the permit is to add 121 sq. ft. and remodel 1,064 sq. ft. The applicant intends to request an extension to November 3, 2026, to complete the construction.

Recommended Action

- 1) Conduct a public hearing;
- 2) Find this project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines, because this project has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment;
- 3) The hearing officer may grant, or conditionally grant, up to a 180-calendar day extension, per application for extension, if the officer finds special circumstances warrant an extension of time, or the failure to meet the time limit was caused by circumstances beyond the property owner, applicant, or the contractor's control. If the officer makes the findings to grant an extension, then the officer shall consider whether conditions are necessary to ensure the timely completion of the project in a manner that limits impacts to the surrounding property owners. The hearing officer shall deny the application if they cannot make the findings set forth in Newport Beach Municipal Code Section 15.02.095 (Addition of Sections 105.3.3, 105.3.4, and 105.3.5).

[Item No. 1 Staff Report](#)

IV. ADJOURNMENT